

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-23, without prejudice or disclaimer, add new claims 24-26, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus being able to expand and develop by a high-pressure gas filled in said inflator bag and is capable of restraining a vehicle occupant by being expanded and developed, comprising:

a box-shaped bag main body having gore portions on surrounding side faces to ensure it's a height of said box-shaped bag main body, wherein, in ~~each of~~ said gore portions, a folded line to be folded toward an inside of said box-shaped bag main body is formed in an intermediate portion in a height direction of ~~each of~~ said gore portions, which is used to allow ~~each of~~ said gore portions to be folded; and folded, and wherein

an overlaid and folded portion is formed in an end of ~~each of~~ said gore portions on ~~each of~~ said surrounding side faces with ~~each corner portion~~ portions of said box-shaped bag main body being sandwiched between one surrounding side face and another surrounding side face adjacent to said one surrounding side face, wherein ~~each of~~ said gore portions are is folded in a overlaid manner in ~~each of~~ said overlaid and folded portions at a same time when another gore portion on another surrounding side face is folded, and

wherein said box-shaped bag main body is folded in a manner so as to be in a flat state when ~~each of~~ said gore portions are is folded in a manner to form a valley line along said folded line.

2. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said box-shaped bag main body ~~is so constructed as to have~~ comprises a hermetically sealed structure by blocking a bottom face of said box-shaped bag main body being opposite to a ceiling plate with a bottom plate.

3. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said box-shaped bag main body and said bottom plate are integrally formed.

4. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said box-shaped bag main body includes ~~is made up of~~ a resin sheet or a metal sheet.

5. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said box-shaped main body having ~~has~~ a rectangular cross-section,

~~wherein a whose longitudinal side of said box-shaped main body is smaller than its a horizontal side of said box-shaped main body, and is so constructed that~~

wherein opening faces on both sides of a tube-shaped body are blocked with end face plates and side face plates (502a) serving as said longitudinal side of said tube-shaped body and said end face plates (502b) make up gore portions.

6. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said tube-shaped body ~~comprises is so constructed that plates making up said tube-shaped body have~~ having unequal wall thicknesses, wherein wall thicknesses of an ~~its~~ upper-face plate and a ~~its~~ lower-face plate both serving as horizontal sides of said tube-shaped body are large, and wall thicknesses of ~~its~~ side face plates serving as longitudinal sides are smaller than said wall thicknesses of said upper-face plate and said lower-face plate and wall thicknesses of said end face plates are equal to said wall thicknesses of said side face plates.

7. (Currently Amended) An inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus being able to expand and develop by a high-pressure gas filled in said inflator bag and is capable of restraining a vehicle occupant by being expanded and developed, comprising:

a hollow body having an opening formed on opposing sides of the hollow body being opened at its both sides and having a cross-sectional structure in which ~~both the opposing sides~~ of said hollow body are dented in a U-shaped manner toward an inside of a tube-shaped body in one diameter direction out of two diameter directions intersecting at right angles on said hollow

body and ~~both the opposing~~ sides of said hollow body are crushed in a manner so as to be in a plane state in another diameter ~~direction, direction, and,~~

wherein a bag main body ~~comprises is formed by blocking~~ opened portions of said hollow body on ~~both the opposing~~ sides ~~with and~~ end face plates ~~blocking the opened portions,~~ and

~~wherein~~ said bag main body is crushed in a manner so as to be in a flat state on ~~both the opposing~~ sides in said another diameter direction.

8. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, by denting, in a U-shaped manner, portions on both sides of said tube-shaped body toward its inside portions of said tube-shaped body in one diameter direction out of two diameter directions intersecting at right angles on said tube-shaped body and, at a same time, by crushing portions on ~~both the opposing~~ sides of said tube-shaped body in a manner so as to be in a plane state in another diameter direction, a hollow body being opened at both ends and having a cross-sectional structure in which said tube-body is crushed and wherein a bag main body is formed by blocking opened portions of said hollow body with end face plates using both sides on which said hollow body is dented in an inside direction and said end face plates as gore portions ~~and and;~~ wherein said bag main body is folded in a manner so as to be a flat state by further denting portions on ~~both the opposing~~ sides having been dented toward an inside direction of said hollow body and serving as said gore portions and said end face plates and, at a same time, by further crushing portions on ~~both the opposing~~ sides in another diameter direction.

9. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of said end face plates have has a shrunk portion formed so as to be placed in an inside of said hollow body and to develop at a time when said hollow body is filled with said high-pressure gas.

10. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said inflator bag is ~~used for restraining~~ restrains a hip portion of a vehicle occupant which is mounted in a front lower portion of a seat cushion in a vehicle and expands and develops by being filled with a high-pressure gas at a time of sharp reduction of speed of a vehicle to raise a front seat face of said seat cushion which prevents a vehicle occupant being seated on a seat from being moved forward.

11. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said inflator bag is used for restraining a leg portion of a seated vehicle occupant which is placed in a lower portion of an instrument panel of a vehicle and expands and develops at time of being filled with a high-pressure gas at a time of sharp reduction of speed of a vehicle.

12. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said box-shaped bag main body is comprises an angular-box shaped bag main body.

13. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said folded portion is comprises a triangular folded portion.

14. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said tube-shaped body is angularly tube-shaped.

15. (Currently Amended) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said tube-shaped body is circularly tube-shaped.

16-23. (Canceled)

24. (New) The inflator bag according to claim 1, wherein said overlaid and folded portion formed on a front side of the main body is thicker than said overlaid and folded portion formed on a rear side of the main body.

25. (New) The inflator bag according to claim 2, wherein the ceiling plate is slanted with respect to the bottom plate.

26. (New) The inflator bag according to claim 2, wherein when the bag develops, the ceiling plate develops in a slant direction toward the bottom plate.